

CITY OF SUNNYVALE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

MINUTES Wednesday, July 26, 2006

2006-0328 – T Mobile [Applicant] **Sunnyvale Park IV LLC et al** [Owner]: Application for a Special Development Permit on a 30,450 square foot site to allow six antennas and ancillary equipment on the roof. The property is located at **840 West California Avenue** (near N Mathilda Ave) in an M-S/PD (Industrial & Service/Planned Development) Zoning District. (APN: 165-26-018)

In attendance: Toriana Henderson, Applicant; Gerri Caruso, Administrative Hearing Officer; Andrew Miner, Project Planner; Luis Uribe, Staff Office Assistant.

Ms. Gerri Caruso, Administrative Hearing Officer, on behalf of the Director of Community Development, explained the format that would be observed during the public hearing.

Ms. Caruso announced the subject application and stated that this item is a continuation from the June 14, 2006 Administrative Hearing.

Andrew Miner, Project Planner, stated that the proposed location is a two-story office building within an existing office park, which contains nine similar buildings. The proposed building is located closest to the multi-family residential units on the west side of the property, and closest to the railroad and Evelyn Avenue (Attachment C).

The six proposed antennas would be located on each end of the building and would extend six feet above the screen wall on the roof. The antennas are not screened from view to the surrounding areas. The equipment area is 250 square feet in size and will be approximately 6 feet tall, but would not extend above the roof screen and would not be visible from surrounding areas (Attachments D). Staff recommends denial.

Ms. Caruso opened the public hearing.

Toriana Henderson, Applicant, stated that T-mobile looked into a tree pole and radome design at the Administrative Hearing Officer's request, but stated that the best design for this location is placing the antennas 6 feet above the roof line painted to match the building. Ms. Henderson mentioned that other alternatives have been explored with the help of planning staff but feels that those alternatives would not meet the coverage plan that is being pursued by T-Mobile. The applicant reiterated codes from the Sunnyvale zoning code.

Ms. Caruso had some questions regarding the alternatives. There are currently no other service providers occupying this site. Ms. Caruso stated that the monopine might work as a solution if it was strategically located on the site.

Ms. Caruso closed the public hearing.

Ms. Caruso approved the application with the alternative design, Attachment I in the staff report, for a monopine design subject to approval of its design, location and appearance by staff with direction to find a location where the tree appears to fit within the landscaping scheme less visibly than currently shown on the photo simulation.

Ms. Caruso stated that the decision is final unless appealed to the Planning Commission with payment of the appeal fee within the 15-day appeal period.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.
Minutes approved by:
Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner